

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the pending claims are properly represented with correct status identifiers.

In response to the Election Requirement dated April 5, 2007, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I: Claims 1-12. Applicant has now withdrawn claims 13-17.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued in the present case.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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